

sanction and implement individual rural water supply schemes have been delegated to the State Governments. Accordingly, the scheme-wise details are not maintained at the Central level. However, as per the Comprehensive Action Plan prepared with the information provided by the State Governments in consonance with the National Agenda for Governance, all the rural habitations of the country would be provided with access to safe drinking water supply in five years, subject to availability of funds.

Non-release of grants allocated to Panchayati Raj institutions

† 3594. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the amount of grants allocated to 'Panchayati Raj' institutions in the various States have not been released completely;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to formulate any time frame for releasing funds completely; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) Grants for the Panchayati Raj Institutions, allocated as per recommendations of the XI Finance Commission, have been released on "on account" basis to the extent 50% of the allocation for the year 2000-2001. The States which have not been released the "on account" 50% of the allocated grant for the year 2000-2001 are the ones where Panchayat elections have not been held. The Statement indicating release of funds to various States is enclosed. (See below)

(c) and (d) The Central Government is formulating the terms and conditions for release of funds meant for Panchayats to various States based on the recommendations of the XI Finance Commission.

Statement

Grants recommended by XI Finance Commission for Panchayats and released to the States during 2000-2001

<i>(Rs. in lakhs)</i>			
Sl. No.	States	Year 2000-2001	
		Recommended	Released
1.	Andhra Pradesh	15,204.83	0.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	556.85	278.42
3.	Assam	4,668.95	0.00

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

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(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	States	Year 2000-2001	
		Recommended	Released
4.	Bihar	10,874.96	0.00
5.	Chhattisgarh	4,200.00	2,100.00
6.	Goa	185.45	92.72
7.	Gujarat	6,960.87	0.00
8.	Haryana	2,941.75	1,470.88
9.	Himachal Pradesh	1,313.38	656.68
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	1,488.14	744.06
11.	Jharkhand	4,825.85	0.00
12.	Karnataka	7,882.35	3,941.18
13.	Kerala	6,592.58	3,296.28
14.	Madhya Pradesh	10,109.39	5,054.70
15.	Maharashtra	13,134.58	6,567.28
16.	Manipur	375.43	187.72
17.	Meghalaya	512.16	256.08
18.	Mizoram	157.11	78.56
19.	Nagaland	257.33	128.66
20.	Orissa	6,911.76	3,455.88
21.	Punjab	3,092.71	0.00
22.	Rajasthan	9,818.96	4,909.48
23.	Sikkim	105.85	52.92
24.	Tamil Nadu	9,322.36	4,661.18
25.	Tripura	569.19	284.60
26.	Uttar Pradesh	23,3432.67	11,671.34
27.	Uttaranchal	3,040.00	1,520.00
28.	West Bengal	11,554.59	5,777.30
TOTAL:		1,60,000.00	57185.92

Black topping of road in Jagatsinghpur District

3595. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work relating to the conversion of the road connecting Ibrishingh and Panchapalli in Jagatsinghpur District in Orissa to black topped one with the World Bank assistance has since been taken up;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be completed; and

(c) if not, by when the work is likely to be taken up?